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Fifth Round

3 – 5 October 2026

Timetable

Day 1: Saturday, 3 October 2026

8:30 – 9:00	Registration	
9:00 – 10:00	Opening Session	
10:00 – 10:15	Coffee Break	
10:15 – 11:30	Session 1	
	Politics and International Relations Academic Building - Room (1)	Ramadan Alatrsh: The State as Domination, Institution, and Meaning: A Comparative Analysis of Aristotle, Ibn Khaldun, and Hegel Discussant: Mohammed Hemchi
	Economics, Public Policy, Energy, and Urban Studies Academic Building - Room (2)	Mohamed Elgohari: From Legalism to Algorithmic Control: Law, AI, and the Reconfiguration of Authoritarian Governance in the MENA Region Discussant: Walid Al-Saqaf
	Conflict/Settler Colonialism Studies Academic Building - Room (3)	Lamiaa Abed: Academic Mobility in Post-Conflict Syria: Brain Drain, Push–Pull Dynamics, and the Reconstruction of Higher Education Discussant: Sansom Milton
	Sociology/Psychology Academic Building - Room (4)	Jihad-Rosty Othman*: Identifying the Factors Explaining Immigrants' Mental Health in Canada During the COVID-19 Pandemic Across Migration Stages Discussant: Mohamad Musa
	Migration/Refugee Studies Academic Building - Room (5)	Malika Salah: What Does it Mean to be Human? Coloniality and the Lived Experiences of Arab Muslim Women in Refugee Camps Discussant: Laila Omar
	History, Philosophy, Literature, Linguistics, and Cultural Studies Academic Building - Room (6)	Akram Alashqar: Untitled: My Journey Through Desktop Documentary Filmmaking to Uncover the Voice of Palestine Discussant: Azza El-Hassan
11:30 – 11:45	Coffee Break	

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Session 2	
11:45 – 13:00	Politics and International Relations Academic Building - Room (1) Mostafa El Sharkawy: Clerics and Contention in Kuwait Discussant: Ali Alsayegh
	Economics, Public Policy, Energy, and Urban Studies Academic Building - Room (2) Mohammad Hashem Krayem: Liberalization and Economic Growth Under Conditions of Informality Discussant: Ayhab Saad
	Conflict/Settler Colonialism Studies Academic Building - Room (3) Sara Badran: Dispossessed Body Data: Colonial Dispossession of Body Data Through Self-Tracking Wearables Discussant: Fadi Zaraket
	Sociology/Psychology Academic Building - Room (4) Hajer Jemai: Prioritizing Elements of Culturally and Religiously Sensitive Maternity Care for Muslim Women in Australia: Findings from a Nominal Group Technique Study Discussant: Diala Hawi
	Migration/Refugee Studies Academic Building - Room (5) Basma El Doukhi: "Release the Cat": Symbolic Annihilation and the Associational Realities of Syrian and Afghan Organizations in Turkey Discussant: Ghassan Elkahlout
	History, Philosophy, Literature, Linguistics, and Cultural Studies Academic Building - Room (6) Ali Alrifae: The Trachoma Paradox in French-Mandate Syria and Lebanon (1918–1940): Institutional Neglect and Selective Health Priorities Discussant: Amal Ghazal
13:00 – 14:15	Lunch Break

Session 3	
14:15 – 15:30	Politics and International Relations Academic Building - Room (1) Mostafa Hetteh: Institutionalizing Unequal Political Belonging: Dignity, Securitization, and Ethno-National Politics in Iran Discussant: Mahjoob Zweiri
	History, Philosophy, Literature, Linguistics, and Cultural Studies Academic Building - Room (2) Nour Hariri: The Crisis of Science and the Question of Progress: "We", Modernity, and Pre- and Post-Modernity Discussant: Karim Sadek
	Conflict/Settler Colonialism Studies Academic Building - Room (3) Ashraf Abumousa: UNRWA's Organizational Resilience Amidst Digital Settler Colonialism Discussant: Ayat Hamdan
	Sociology/Psychology Academic Building - Room (4) Fatima Qaraan: Child Marriage in Canada: Prevalence, Policy, and Public Awareness Discussant: Dina Taha
	Migration/Refugee Studies Academic Building - Room (5) Bayan Anouz: The Diaspora as a Transformative Force – Agency, Resources, and Challenges of the Syrian Diaspora in the Context of Political Transformation in Syria Discussant: Abdullah Majeed
	History, Philosophy, Literature, Linguistics, and Cultural Studies Academic Building - Room (6) Hicham Bouhadi: Tracing the Dynamics of Readership through Paratexts: Rodosizāde's Ottoman-Turkish Translation of <i>Wafayāt al-A'yān</i> as a Case Study Discussant: Abderrahim Benhadda
15:30 – 15:45	Coffee Break

Session 4		
15:45 – 17:00	Politics and International Relations Academic Building - Room (1)	Duaa Hassan: Academic Freedom under Authoritarian Constitutionalism in Sudan: The Hollowing Out of University Autonomy Discussant: Hamid Ali
	Economics, Public Policy, Energy, and Urban Studies Academic Building - Room (2)	Ayman Tibi: Conditional Trade Policy for Peace? The Economic Effects of QIZs in the Middle East Discussant: Laura Sayah
	Politics and International Relations Academic Building - Room (3)	Amena ElAshkar: Before Security: Conceptualizing Security Through the Everyday Lives of Exiled Sunni Muslims in Istanbul Discussant: Tariq Dana
	Sociology/Psychology Academic Building - Room (4)	Radja Chinoun: Mapping Belonging: Muslim Students' Experiences of Belonging and Mattering in US Higher Education Discussant: Nabil Khattab
	Migration/Refugee Studies Academic Building - Room (5)	Bilal Hisham: "Blessed are the Strangers": Egyptian Exiles' Navigation of Legality and Citizenship in Istanbul Discussant: Abdel-Fattah Mady
	History, Philosophy, Literature, Linguistics, and Cultural Studies Academic Building - Room (6)	Mohamed Aly Zalalo: Expulsion of the Moriscos from Spain in Arabic and Spanish Sources: A Comparative Study Discussant: Abderrahim Benhadda

Day 2: Sunday, 4 October 2026

Session 5	
9:00 – 10:15	Politics and International Relations Academic Building - Room (1) Jad Baghdadi: The Political Economy of State-Capital Relations in Lebanon: The Case of the Pharmaceutical Sector Discussant: Imad Mansour
	Economics, Public Policy, Energy, and Urban Studies Academic Building - Room (2) Mohammad Al-Masaeid: The Wage Gap Between Public and Private Workers in Jordan: Role of Experience, Education, Location and Gender Discussant: Elias Khalil
	Sociology/Psychology Academic Building - Room (4) Soha Almeahmadi: The Lived Experiences of Arab British Carers Between Home and Heritage: Rethinking Caregiving Theory in an Ethnically Minoritized Context Discussant: Marwa Farag
	Migration/Refugee Studies Academic Building - Room (5) Fadi Hasan: "Perhaps moving to Germany solved some of our problems caused by the war in Syria, but...": A Structuration Theory Analysis of the Meanings and Transformations of Marriage and Family Systems in the German Post-Refugee Context Discussant: Dina Taha
	History, Philosophy, Literature, Linguistics, and Cultural Studies Academic Building - Room (6) Shadi Rohana: Cervantes and the Arabs: al-Andalus in Don Quixote and Its Translations into Arabic Discussant: Hiba Ghanem
10:15 – 10:30	Coffee Break

Session 6		
10:30 – 11:45	Economics, Public Policy, Energy, and Urban Studies Academic Building - Room (2)	Jasmine Ali: A Pioneering Urban Spectacle and Ecosystem Hero: Sabah Al Ahmad Sea City, from the 1980s to Today Discussant: Yousef Jabareen
	Conflict/Settler Colonialism Studies Academic Building - Room (3)	Mohammed Amer: Islamic peacebuilding and Resistance: <i>Ifsha Al-Salam's</i> Approach to Confronting Organized Crime and Gun Violence in Palestinian Communities in Israel Discussant: Ibrahim Khatib
	Sociology/Psychology Academic Building - Room (4)	Lama Karame: Poverty on Trial: Law, Welfare, and Childhood in Lebanon's Juvenile Courts Discussant: Sari Hanafi*
	Migration/Refugee Studies Academic Building - Room (5)	Kamal Kassam: The Effect of Refugees on Bilateral Trade Between Hosting Countries Discussant: Jad Chaaban
	History, Philosophy, Literature, Linguistics, and Cultural Studies Academic Building - Room (6)	Achouak Chalkha: Translation Issues in Non-Arabic Corpora: Translation as a Third Space of Semantic Negotiation and a Practice of Symbolic Resistance Among the Moriscos Discussant: Fuad Alqaisi
11:45 – 12:00	Coffee Break	

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Session 7	
12:00 – 13:15	Politics and International Relations Academic Building - Room (1) Sultan Al Bimani: Soft Diplomacy Tools in the Sultanate of Oman: A Theoretical Perspective and Cultural Applications Discussant: Said Alhashimi
	Economics, Public Policy, Energy, and Urban Studies Academic Building - Room (2) Besma Soltan: Conditional Legitimacy: Racialized Women Entrepreneurs and the Structural Limits of Ecosystem Access in Canada Discussant: Rabia Naguib
	Sociology/Psychology Academic Building - Room (4) Mortada Al-Amine: When Meritocracy Challenges and Justifies Inequality: The Interplay between the Dimension of Meritocratic Belief and Type of Inequality Discussant: Jad Chaaban
	Migration/Refugee Studies Academic Building - Room (5) Khaled Alosaimi: From Victimhood to Agency: The Role of Yemeni Displaced Women in Cultural Transformation Discussant: Abdulla Majeed
	History, Philosophy, Literature, Linguistics, and Cultural Studies Academic Building - Room (6) Ghada Ghazal: Nazm al-Quran and the Hermeneutics of Surah Structure: A Comparative Study of Amin Ahsan Islahi and Michel Cuyppers Discussant: Zahia Jouirou
13:15 – 14:15	Lunch Break

Session 8	
14:15 – 15:30	Politics and International Relations Academic Building - Room (1) Abdullah Bin Mansour: Saudi Leadership and the Evolution of Saudi Foreign Policy Toward China (1949–2015) Discussant: Marwan Kabalan
	Politics and International Relations Academic Building - Room (2) Muhammed Zeyn: Weaponized Exile and Reclaimed Citizenship: How Social Media Mediates Syrian Political Rights Across Displacement and Return Discussant: Ammar Shamaileh
	Sociology/Psychology Academic Building - Room (4) Sarah Hasbini: Fragmented Statehood and the Gender Regime: Civil Society and Violence Against Women in Lebanon Discussant: Abdelkarim Amengay
	Migration/Refugee Studies Academic Building - Room (5) Abdallah Ounour: Assisted Migration or Human Trafficking? Eastern Sudan as a Gateway for Irregularized Migration Discussant: Hamid Ali
	History, Philosophy, Literature, Linguistics, and Cultural Studies Academic Building - Room (6) Safnaz Saad: Rereading Kinship in the Modern Arabic Novel: Ethics of Coexistence Discussant: Farah Aridi

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Day 3: Monday, 5 October 2026

Session 9	
9:00 – 10:15	Politics and International Relations Academic Building - Room (1) Khaled Sayed Ali: Economic Development Under Military Regimes: A Comparative Study of the Nasser and Sisi Eras in Egypt Discussant: Abdel-Fattah Mady
	Economics, Public Policy, Energy, and Urban Studies Academic Building - Room (2) Bilal Abu Jafar* : Exporting Under Volatility: Palestinian SMEs in a Conflict-Affected Economy Discussant: Laura Sayah
	Economics, Public Policy, Energy, and Urban Studies Academic Building - Room (4) Mamdouh Abdelkader: Fiscal Policy and the Transition to Renewable Energy: Empirical Evidence from US Industrial Electricity Generation Discussant: Laurent Lambert
	Migration/Refugee Studies Academic Building - Room (5) Hassan Mortada: The Abridged Subject: Empire and the Anteriority of the Immigrant in Library and Information Science Discussant: Dina Taha
	History, Philosophy, Literature, Linguistics, and Cultural Studies Academic Building - Room (6) Latifah Alrdaian: Between Reality and Fiction: Saudi Women in the Works of Jean Sasson and Zoe Ferraris Discussant: Rafiah Al Talei
10:15 – 10:30	Coffee Break

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10:30 – 11:45	Session 10	
	Politics and International Relations Academic Building - Room (1)	Youssef Sharaf: A State of Two Speeds: Administrative Elite Recomposition in Mubarak's Reform-Era Egypt, 1990s-2000s Discussant: Hani Awad
	Economics, Public Policy, Energy, and Urban Studies Academic Building - Room (2)	Alyaa Almaadeed: The Predictive Factors of Turnover Intentions and Counterproductive Work Behaviour Among Social Service Employees in Qatar Discussant: Mohammed Aboramadan
	Economics, Public Policy, Energy, and Urban Studies Academic Building - Room (4)	Pakinam Hassan: Perceptions on Improving the Participatory Urban Planning in Alexandria, Egypt Discussant: Yousef Jabareen
	History, Philosophy, Literature, Linguistics, and Cultural Studies Academic Building - Room (5)	Saifeddine Jemli: From Group Agency to Plural Agency: Republican Perspectives on Collective Agency Between Hannah Arendt and Philip Pettit Discussant: Karim Sadek
	History, Philosophy, Literature, Linguistics, and Cultural Studies Academic Building - Room (6)	Mounir Saifi: Toward an Engaged Counter-Orientalist Scholarship: Wikipedia and the Reproduction of Orientalist Epistemic Injustice Discussant: Housamedden Darwish
11:45 – 12:00	Coffee Break	
12:00 – 13:30	Session 11	
	Introduction to Encyclopedia Arabica	